

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 5th February 2017**

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## **Annual General Meeting 2017, diary date**

A date for your diary: the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society over the weekend of 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza, Green Park, Dundalk. AGM Dinner tickets are now available to order from [www.irts.ie/agm](http://www.irts.ie/agm) . The website has also been updated with full details about the 2017 IRTS AGM.

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## **Cups and Trophies**

With the AGM coming soon, the 2016 Cup and Trophy award holders are asked to return their awards as soon as possible, so that the Awards Curator Larry McGriskin EI9CN can prepare them for the new recipients at the AGM 2017 awards ceremony in Dundalk. Cups and Trophies can be returned to any IRTS Committee Member.

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## **IRTS Awards Nominations**

Nominations are being sought for "Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio" and "Awards to IRTS members for other Achievements. Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Jim Holohan EI4HH, Awards Manager. Email [holohaj2 /at/ hotmai.com](mailto:holohaj2@hotmai.com).

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## **Limerick Radio Club.**

The Limerick Radio Club AGM will take place on Thursday 9th February at 7:30 PM in Limerick Institute of Technology.

The Limerick Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday 12th March 2017 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11am. Tables are free and you are asked to contact Michael EI2IX on [michaelkingston /at/ eircom.net](mailto:michaelkingston@eircom.net) . Please look up the website [www.limerickradioclub.com](http://www.limerickradioclub.com)

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**EI2WAW**

Amateur Radio Operators seeking a slot to operate EI2WAW are asked to contact the Co-ordinator Brian EI8IU on the following telephone number only - 086-1057325 or by email [brianei8iu /at/ gmail.com](mailto:brianei8iu/at/gmail.com).

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

Classes are continuing for the theory test for the Radio licence at the club and it's not too late to join. Simply register your interest through the 'contact us' section of the website and show up this Tuesday from 8.30pm at the Ballyroan Community Centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham in Dublin. Visitors are always welcome to drop by even to have a chat and learn more.

The SDR AGM will take place this year on 28th of February 2017.

[www.southdublinradioclub.ie](http://www.southdublinradioclub.ie)

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### **EI DX Group**

Members of the EI DX Group are pleased to announce details of their forthcoming DXpedition to Nepal. March 8th to 20th will see this 11 man, all Echo India team run up to 5 stations from 80 metres through 10 metres on CW, SSB & Digital.

Nepal is currently number 91 Most Wanted DXCC in the world and an amazing number 31 most wanted in North America. Operating from a QTH at 5,600' above sea level, the team are looking forward to intense pile-ups.

For full information, please visit their website <https://9n7ei.com>

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### **Phoenix Rally**

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place on Sunday 19th February in the Coolmine Community School, Grove Road, Blanchardstown. Doors open at 10am. In recent years, the Phoenix rally has been the only radio rally in the Dublin area, so it is always well attended. To book a table contact Tony at 087-243 9997.

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### **DX News**

Jean-Paul HB9ARY is back on the island of Mauritius signing 3B8HC. He will

operate holiday style until 15th February mainly on 80m to 6m SSB with some slow CW. QSLs go directly to NI5DX.

Pista HA5AO returns to Lesotho from 10th to 26th February. He will reactivate his 7P8EUDXF callsign which he aired last October. This is a spare time operation and QSLs go via OQRS to HA5AO.

Michael DF8AN will sign CE0Y/DF8AN from Easter Island from 10th to 17th February. He will be on CW and Digital. He then goes to Juan Fernandez Island (21st to 24th February) where his callsign will be CE0Z/DF8AN. QSLs go via his home call.

Prefix hunters may be interested in working H2017PFO which will be on the air until next December. The call celebrates Paphos in Cyprus being 2017 European Capital of Culture jointly with Aarhus in Denmark. QSLs main be obtained through Club Log OQRS.

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society - Shacks Photography Competition.**

The 1st March 2017 is the closing date for the DARS photography competition. All entries must be submitted by 5pm on that date. As it is a photographic competition emphasis is placed on a quality photograph. Any shack of any size is eligible from EI/GI or SWL stationed within Ireland.

You must email your photograph of no less than 1meg and no more than 3meg in jpeg format to myshack /at/ ei7dar.com

You must submit your shack photo alongside a small monetary fee of €5.

For your convenience you are asked to make the payment through Paypal, at [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com), payment via Postal Order/Bank Draft are also acceptable details issued on receipt of entree.

All entries are also entered for a raffle for a Handheld Radio.

Winners will be announced at the 2017 IRTS AGM in Dundalk. Full details at [ei7dar.com/shackcomp.html](http://ei7dar.com/shackcomp.html)

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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